

2000 reasons for Millennium fun



Making lanterns in Moray



Youth theatre in Inverness



Juggling at Falkland in Fife

What is the Scottish Millennium Festival? Imagine a rich collection of carnivals, pageants, artistic exhibitions, local festivals and sporting activities joining together to create a unique year-long celebration.

Imagine people coming together from communities all over the country to plan and organise events to mark the year 2000 in a special way.

This is the Scottish Millennium Festival – a unique opportunity to have fun and celebrate the talents, culture and diversity of Scotland and the United Kingdom.

From beacons in the hills to carnivals in the towns, from concerts in the park to singing in the streets, the Millennium Festival activities are brought to you by people in your area, who want you to share in this momentous year.

So join the fun with your friends and family throughout 2000, and celebrate the spirit of the Millennium by bringing the nation together.

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The Scottish Millennium Festival has been made possible by funding from the National Lottery. In Scotland, the Millennium Commission, National Lottery Charities Board, Heritage Lottery Fund, Scottish Arts Council and sportscotland all contributed to the Scottish Millennium Festival Fund.

This fund was further enhanced by sponsorship from Coca-Cola and the Bank of Scotland.

Many of the projects listed would not have been possible without the support of these organisations.

Within this supplement are listings of over 60 Scottish Millennium Festival projects taking place. In addition, further information is provided on a number of highlights.

Further Information

This supplement lists a selection of Scottish Millennium Festival events taking place during the next few months. Over 500 projects happening in Scotland are listed on the Millennium Festival website: **HYPERLINK** <http://www.festival2000.co.uk>. Alternatively, call Scottish Festival Adviser Kirsty Craig on 01259 219905 for details of events in your area.

A PLAY FROM THE PAST

Sir David Lindsay's *Ane Satyre of the Thrie Estates* was first performed on the Castlehill in Cupar, Fife, in 1552 – complete with intimate local references.

This great Scottish play began as 'community theatre', with a huge cast of locals, stiffened with professional entertainers. The range of the play covers serious discussion of political and moral issues, low-life comedy, 'sensuality' and a panoramic view of Scottish society.

The *Thrie Estates* tells a vibrant tale of public and private morality.

King Humanity is lured into a life of luxury by vices such as Sensuality. The intervention of Divine Correction encourages the King to reform both himself and his realm.

He summons the Thrie Estates of Spirituality, Temporality and the Merchants to form a Scottish Parliament, which will root out corruption in the

**2000 & 3 Estaites
(2 - 9 July, 2000)**

land. Lindsay magnificently mingles low comedy and high drama to create a stirring spectacle of wide popular appeal.

The *Thrie Estates* deals with 'good government' and the duties of the rulers and citizens.

Its original open-air performance engaged the whole community. Besides the 'high heid yins' in their seats, there were 'groundlings' – women, men and children standing, sprawling or squatting as they heard 'John the Commonweal' speak up for them.

There would have been hawkers of cloths and trinkets as well as vendors of food and drink. On the fringes, entertainers would have practised the popular arts of the day. These events would have been fairs or festivals

embracing all levels of society.

With the assistance of the Millennium Festival Fund – made possible by the National Lottery, Coca-Cola and Bank of Scotland, and Fife Council – 2000 & 3 *ESTAITES* will present a full-scale, open-air production of the play on the original outdoor performance site at Castlehill in Cupar in July, 2000.

This aptly celebrates the new millennium and the rebirth of the Scottish Parliament.

The text of Lindsay's original play has been adapted into accessible modern Scots by Alan Spence. The director is John Carnegie, and the musical director is Gordon Dougal.

For information regarding tickets, call

0141 339 9210

Or write to 2000 & 3 *Estaites*, 60 Great George St, Glasgow, G12 8RP.

APRIL 2000

East Lothian Festival of Science and Nature: A festival promoting community events relating to the theme of science and nature. Ends 31 July, 2000.
Contact: Sue Wiltbrow 01620 827332.

Living in Harmony: A year-long programme of workshops, festivals, seminars and events in Clackmannanshire. Ends December 2000.
Contact: Kelly McPhee 01259 452489.

Millennium Youth Challenge (Football): National cup competition to be staged at Under-13 and Under 18 levels - for boys clubs in Scotland. Runs until September.
Contact: Scott Mackintosh.

Millennium Clock Tower: A nine-metre clock tower at the Royal Museum, Edinburgh, which will chime every hour of the Millennium.
Contact: Tatiana Jakorskaia 0141 552 7080.

Wee County Roadshow: A multi-media heritage project, collecting images and memories from the community. Based in Clackmannanshire. It is taking place throughout Scotland until the end of the year.
Contact: Susan Mills 01259 216913.

Millennium Dundee on Film: Documentaries comparing past and present Dundee. At DCA until end of year.
Contact: Mairi Thomas 01382 432329.

Banff 2000: An alternative Olympics - incorporating 20 sports, and involving children, veterans, disabled and mainstream athletes. A programme of training, coaching, seminars and festivals - the highlight of which will be a three-week 'Olympic' event from 1 to 19 June.
Contact: Marion Phillips 01261 818303.

Beo-Shlaintean: Exhibition depicting livelihoods on Uist in the Hebrides - past, present and future. Running until September, it includes work by local children, photographic exhibition and an audio visual installation, to be located at three venues on Uist during 2000.
Contact: Morag Ferguson 01870 602655.

Ford World Curling Championships: Curling will come home when the World Championships are held at Braemar, Renfrew until April 9. Men's and Women's teams from Canada, France, USA and Japan will be amongst those who compete.
Contact: 0141 561 2000.

Land of Creativity: A programme of events, including car trails, craft workshops, cycling festival and dance, drama and song, throughout the Borders - until 30 November.
Contact: Information Line 0870 607 0250.

Celebrating Scotland's Kings, Queens, Jesters and Jugglers: A participative programme of events celebrating Scotland's rich heritage and history in Falkland Palace, Fife. It runs from 15 April to 22 October.
Contact: Jo Aitken 01337 858367.

Superdays: A huge sport and leisure programme, involving people from the older generation; women in sport; children's play; people with disabilities; and ethnic

IT'S FUN AT FALKLAND

The area surrounding Falkland Palace in Fife was a favourite hunting ground of the Stewart Kings, and it is the situation that Fife Employment Access Trust has chosen for a spectacular series of events to mark the new Millennium.

With significant funding from the Millennium Commission and other grant making bodies, the programme aims to provide an opportunity for people to celebrate our Scottish heritage and culture in several ways.

There's the Banner Project, which combines the work of banner artists, school pupils and local people from a wide range of community groups.

Special display sites will be created throughout the town and the overall impact will set a celebratory theme for the spring and summer programme of events.

Living History is a participatory drama project based in and around Falkland Palace and Burgh.

For eight weeks during summer term, primary schools from all over Fife and beyond are being invited to



■ Kings, queens, jesters and jugglers at Falkland, in Fife.

attend a whole day workshop with drama, music, dance and costume.

There's a Medieval Street Fair planned for Saturday, 17 June; and a Victorian Street Fair on Saturday, 9 September. The fairs will take place in the Market Square, Palace and Orchard.

Each will feature a street market, typical of the period, with stalls selling local products and run by a combination of craft traders and Falkland community groups.

There will be performances of Scottish music and dance traditional to each period.

And exhibitions of real tennis, falconry and juggling, will also be held. There will story-telling and even a Medieval millinery fashion show.

Dramatic re-enactments will feature Mary Queen of Scots and the Marquis of Bute.

A summer of fun kicks off

with a traditional music concert in the Chapel Royal, Falkland Palace, on Friday 16 June, and there will be a ceilidh on the Saturday after each Street Fair.

You can explore the roots of Scotland's musical tradition in words, music and song at a Traditional Music Conference between 20 and 22 October.

It takes place in the new venue of the historic and visually stunning House of Falkland.

Led by Sheena Wellington, Traditional Arts Officer in Fife and Elspeth Cowie, organiser of the TMSA of Scotland, the weekend will feature seminars, concerts and sing-arounds/sessions.

The intention is to establish this as an annual event, becoming a regular fixture in the Scottish Traditional Music Calendar. For information on events contact Jo Aitken on 01337 858367, or e-mail jo@wecan-feat.demon.co.uk

minority populations. It is happening in Glasgow from 15 April until 11 November, 2000.

Contact: Tony McKay 0141 287 5527.

Bank of Scotland European Badminton Championships: To be held at the Kelvin Hall, Glasgow, from 22 to 29 April, this prestigious event will attract Olympic and European Champions.
Contact: Anne Smillie 0141 445 1218.

Isle of Bute Jazz Festival: Jazz and Gospel music to celebrate the Millennium, including a concert by London Community Gospel Choir. From 27 April to 1 May.
Contact: Ray Bruce 01799 502800.

Lockerbie and District Millennium Exhibition: A packed programme of events for all ages, including art exhibition, collectors fayre, children's storyteller, alternative therapy workshop, clowning skills and a

celebrity concert. It is on from 29 April until 29 May.
Contact: Anne Hills 01576 202693.

MAY 2000

Arthritis Care Roadshow: Mobile information unit providing information and support on living with Arthritis, touring Scotland in May and June.
Contact: Arthritis Care 01555 751120.

Millennium Festival of Flight: A celebration of flight and flying, taking place throughout Scotland from 1 May until 16 July.
Contact: Dawn Kemp 01620 880308.

Millennium Ceilidh: Community ceilidh with Cutting Edge band, cabaret spots from dance group and Scottish dancing for all at St Francis Friary, Dundee, on 5 May.
Contact: George Mitchelson 01382 532858.

Bridge to the Future: A village millennium celebration, involving a spectacular outdoor performance, stalls and sideshows at Carrbridge Primary School, Inverness-shire, on 6 May.
Contact: Linda Jolly 01479 841211.

Scottish Glass 2000: Exhibition of contemporary blown, engraved, cast and architectural glass in City Art Galleries, Edinburgh, from 6 to 17 May.
Contact: Jack Scarle 01382 669864.

Beltane Festival: This Stirling Festival incorporates a procession, street theatre, on-site entertainment and a finale fireworks and fireworks. It is on May 7.
Contact: Ewen Henderson 01786 443126.

Cardennen Festival of Football: Football coaching for children in the Fife villages of Cardennen and Kinglassie on 7 May. For 5 to 14-year-olds.
Contact: Alex Burns 01592 720670.

Maxton Old & New: Exhibition of parish life old and new and launch of parish history book. From 13 to 20 May.
Contact: Priscilla Scott 01835 823392.

Tunnel Project: A month-long arts festival (18 May to 18 June) in Glasgow's Clyde Cycle and Pedestrian Tunnel.
Contact: Stephen Skrynska 0141 576 7956.

Youth FM: A radio station run by youth for youth, broadcasting from Edinburgh for three weeks (24 May to 11

DECLARATION OF INTENT

On 6 April, 1320, the Declaration of Scottish Independence was signed in Arbroath Abbey.

On 6 April, 2000, the Arbroath Abbey Pageant Society will stage a short Proclamation, declaring that each evening from 21 to 26 August 2000, they will present again, in full costume, within the floodlit ruins of Arbroath Abbey, a pageant depicting the signing of this historic document.

Last year, a similar pageant was staged to full houses for all five performances.

Almost 2000 people enjoyed the spectacular show and appreciated the wonderful clear evenings



within the Abbey walls. The slight mist on the first evening enhanced the lighting effects and one almost believed that the building was again roofed and the windows held their tracery as in years past.

The Society are hoping that with

the benefit of the previous year's experience behind them, the 2000 Pageant will be as rewarding and enjoyable an evening for our visitors.

The 200 members of the cast are in rehearsals and the organisers have already had enquiries from the USA for tickets.

We hope that last year's fantastic support will be repeated in this millennium year.

For further information and details on how to purchase tickets, contact David Langlands on 01241 873853.

This event has been made possible by funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund through the Scottish Millennium Festival Fund.

May). Includes an opportunity for budding DJs and journalists.

Contact: Steven Greigg 0131 554 2561.

Dumfries and Galloway Arts Festival: An outdoor festival providing wide range of entertainment in Dumfries and Galloway from 26 to 29 May.

Contact: Beryl Jago 01387 260447.

JUNE 2000

Millennium and Royal Campbeltown: A programme of events celebrating the fact that Campbeltown enjoys its tricentenary as a Royal Burgh in the year 2000.

Contact: Deirdrie MacPherson 01586 552659.

Volunteers Week: Part of the Millennium Festival of Volunteering – events throughout the country from 1 to 7 June.

Contact: Doug Anthony 01786 479 593.

Border Tryst Music Festival: Celebrating 2000 years of Scottish music – with concerts at Thirlstane Castle, and ceilidhs and workshops in Lauder, Scottish Borders from 9 to 11 June.

Contact: Gordon Mooney 01578 718794.

Childsign 2000: Children's signed poems and stories performed in British Sign Language. Regional fun day in Glasgow on 10 June.

Contact: Childsign 2000 Team 0191 383 1155.

Millennium Health and Fitness Festivals: A series of regional events will culminate in a finale in Perth on 10 and 11 June. Health, positive lifestyles, fun, fitness, current trends and new sports will be the key elements.

Contact: Mandy Paterson 0131 554 2561.

Kirkintilloch Gala and Highland Games: A week of fun (10 to 17 June) for all members of the family including discos, school sports, folk night and parade.

Contact: Pamela McGaughrin 0141 578 3708.

BAA Edinburgh Airport Millennium Youth Games: On 11 June there's an opportunity for children aged 15 and under to participate in a sporting event where "it's the taking part that counts."

Contact: Joanna Jones 0131 652 2178.

Stewartry Millennium Service: Ecumenical act of worship in the ruined Dundreunan Abbey, Dumfries and Galloway on 11 June. It is preceded by music, singing, a dramatic religious play and re-enactment of Covenanters battle.

Contact: Sylvia Livingston 01556 503816.

Millennium Celebration Tour: Argyll & Bute Concert Tours in conjunction with Scottish Chamber Orchestra in Rothesay, Ardrishaig, Dunoon, Campbeltown, Bowmore, Islay and Oban from 16 to 22 June.

Contact: Margaret Thomson 01546 603088.

BAA Glasgow Airport Millennium Youth Games: An opportunity on 16 June for children aged 15 years and under to participate in a sporting event where, "it's the taking part that counts".

Contact: Jackie Dodson 0141 287 3953.

Land of Creativity Cycling Festival: Ten routes,

varying in length and difficulty, linking sites associated with Borders culture. Running from 16 to 18 June.

Contact: Information Line 0870 60 70 250.

Kilearn Millennium Gala: Village gala with bands, parades, entertainers, stalls and much more in Kilearn, Stirlingshire on 17 June.

Contact: Desmond Burt 01360 551018.

Millennium Gala Weekend: Fun for all the family, a parade, fancy dress, football, shinty and a gala dance to round off the celebrations in Lochgilphead on 17 and 18 June.

Contact: Brian Christie 01546 603177.

BAA Aberdeen Airport Millennium Youth Games:

A chance for children aged 15 and under to participate in a sporting event where "it's the taking part that counts." On 17 and 18 June.

Contact: Angie Murchisicson 01224 522006.

Helensburgh Gala Day: Marching bands and dancers will march through the town on June 18 and meet up at the Hermitage Academy for a variety of taster sessions.

Contact: Ian Chambers 01436 675012.

Turning the Tide: Drama, written and performed by the people of Westray, Orkney, celebrating 2000 years of island culture and history. From 22 to 24 June.

Contact: Gillian Smeie 01856 741 328.

Scottish Hockey Centenary Tournament: This tournament celebrates 100 years of Scottish Hockey, and sees the launch of the national hockey centre at Peffermill, Edinburgh. Men's and women's teams from Scotland, Ireland, Spain and Holland will take part. From 23 to 25 June.

Contact: Colin Grahamslaw 0131 312 8870.

pH 2000: A mega community arts extravaganza for the millennium. The culmination of 10 months of pan Highland workshops is a carnival in Inverness on 24 June.

Contact: Pip Hill 01463 293841.

Kinlochbervie 2000: The culmination of community projects to include an arts and photographic exhibition, tea dance and ceilidh in Kinlochbervie, Highlands and Islands on 24 June.

Contact: Sylvia Mackay 01971 521449.

Moon Over Musselburgh: A large-scale multi-media performance involving community and special needs groups from East Lothian on 28 June.

Contact: Jane Bechtel 0131 555 3585.

JULY 2000

Millennium Market Day: A highlight of Millennium and Royal Campbeltown on 1 July, when the town will be transformed into a 19th-century community on market day.

Contact: Deirdrie MacPherson 01586 552659.

MM Festival: Young people from throughout the UK will live and work together in Stirling for an intense week of classes in dance, drama, film, music, technical stage skills and visual arts. From 1 to 9 July.

Contact: Claire Hunter 0131 556 8844.

Thornhill Gala 2000-03-06: Extended gala, music, parade, fancy dress, pipe bands and brass bands. Fun for all the family in Dumfries and Galloway. From 2 to 8 July.

Contact: Iain David Renicks 01848 331549.

The Thrie Estaies: Large-scale production of Scotland's greatest play on its original outdoor site in Cupar, Fife. Held on 2 to 9 July.

Contact: John Carnegie 0141 339 9210.

Loch Lomond Highland Games: One of the biggest millennium Highland Games to take place in Scotland. The event takes place on 15 July.

Contact: Hugh Spencer, 01387 752805.

Heaven and Hell: Exhibition of contemporary, recent and ancient material from around the world, relating to the beliefs about the afterlife at the Royal Museum, Edinburgh. It runs from 15 July to 22 October.

Contact: Information Desk 0131 247 4219.

European Cricket Championships: The third ever European Cricket Championships will be held in Scotland during 2000. The event will take place between 21 and 27 July in 10 venues, most of which are likely to be in the West of Scotland.

Contact: David Potter 0131 317 7247.

Coming Home Ceilidh Dance: Celebration dance, extending an invitation to residents of Glasgow with Isle of Islay origins. To take place in Bruichladdich Hall, Islay, on 29 July.

Contact: Robin Currie 01496 850517.

A Highland welcome awaits you



■ Huntly Castle – ancestral home of Clan Gordon.

A call has gone out to the 25 million descendants of Scotland's clans around the world to herald a unique Millennium celebration of the Scottish identity.

They are being invited to attend Gordon 2000 – also known as the Highland Homecoming, one of Scotland's major cultural events this year. It will take place between 4 and 6 August in Huntly, Aberdeenshire – the ancestral home of Clan Gordon.

The event will be of interest to anyone who is wishing to re-establish their Scottish roots, celebrate everything Scottish, or simply enjoy a unique experience during the millennium year.

As a bonus, Celtic super group Capercaillie will perform on the Saturday and Sunday of Gordon 2000 at a specially constructed arena and concert stage.

The town of Huntly will be transformed into a massive carnival for the three days of Gordon 2000 – a Scottish Millennium Festival event.

A large number of heritage events and activities will be based alongside the historic Huntly Castle and at locations throughout the town. For more general interest, a major leisure exhibition called 'Lifestyle 2000' will also be held at the Market Muir in Huntly.

The concept behind the Gordon 2000 event is to stage a programme of pageantry, living history, exhibitions, lectures, music and dance and to provide opportunities for people to trace their heritage and enjoy our Scottish culture.

The event is being organised by Huntly Limited and its Chairman Forbes Shand said: "This is an exciting event for Scotland and we are looking forward to playing host to the world."

Tickets for Gordon 2000 are available now from the organisers.

Phone 01466 799178

Or visit the website at www.gordon2000.org.uk



■ Scottish Millennium Festival means fun for everyone

■ 'We had a brilliant time – worth all of the £20 and eight hours we spent there'. That's an emotion voiced by thousands of visitors to the Millennium Dome every day.

Picture: NMEC/QA Photos



Picture: NMEC



■ 'It was fun, inspirational, educational and good value'. The exterior of the Body Zone.

Picture: NMEC



■ 'There was so much to see and do'. An aerial view of the Dome's Living Island Zone.

Picture: NMEC



■ 'What memories we'll have'. Two players try a game of fast reactions in the Play Zone.

The Scots connection

Thousands of Scots have travelled to London to visit the Dome – and their response so far has been very positive.

Lots of Scottish men and women work in the Dome – as Dome hosts, sales assistants and performers – and a number of companies based North of the Border have supplied equipment to this massive construction project. Indeed, it was constructed by Laing and MacAlpine.

Getting to the Dome couldn't be easier. You can fly from Edinburgh to London City for £99, including



■ 'Worth a visit'. The outside of the Home Planet Zone. Picture: NMEC

taxes and your Dome admission.

You can take a National Express coach from Scotland for £29.99 return, including your Dome admission.

A family of four can travel by train to London from Glasgow

return and get into the Dome for under £140.

The Dome is even better value now, thanks to the longer opening hours – 9am to 8pm Sundays to Thursdays; and 9am to 11pm (Fridays, Saturdays and Bank Holidays).

There are 14 zones in the Dome – which vary from the tranquil to the active, the thoughtful to the physical, and the celebratory to the futuristic.

There's something for everyone to participate in or to think about.

And don't miss the extraordinary Blackadder screening, or the truly amazing Millennium Show.

DOMES FACTS

◆ Not a penny of the Dome's costs was paid out of UK taxes.

◆ It is located on the Meridian Line, quite fitting for the centrepiece of the UK's Millennium celebrations.

◆ The present forecast life for the roof of the Dome is 27 years.

◆ The Dome can be reached from Heathrow Airport in under an hour.

To book your tickets phone – 0870 606 2000

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